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WAVYLEAF BASKETGRASS

Opismenus hirtellus ssp. *undulatifolius*

BASIC ID

This grass is a shallow rooted perennial with spreading stolons that grow several feet in length. It has hairy stems, and leaves with ripples across their width, tapering to an elongated sharp point. It blooms from mid-September-November, forming spikelets with long sticky awns, which easily adhere to passing animals, greatly enhancing seed dispersal.

FACTS

Native to Southeast Asia and only recently discovered in the U.S., it spreads rapidly over the forest floor decreasing plant diversity and providing very little to no wildlife value. It grows in dense shade with leaves remaining green late into fall. Because this species is new to North America, early detection and control are important.

MANAGEMENT

- Hand pull whole plants with roots.
- Hang to dry to prevent re-rooting and to effectively kill the plant.
- Double bag, seal and destroy any seed producing plants.
- Apply herbicide (foliar).

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